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In re patent application of:

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POINT OF SERVICE THIRD PARTY
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT VEHICLE
FOR THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY

Before the Examiner

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Filed concurrent with this Response is a Request for Continued Examination. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (a), the Commissioner is authorized to charge \$1,045.00 to the credit card as listed on the enclosed Credit Card Payment Form to cover the fee for filing the RCE (\$395) as set forth in § 1.17(e) and fees for excess claims (\$650.00). No additional fees are believed due. However, if any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to provide any necessary extensions of time and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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